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It would appear that apologies are still required in England for any article which does not justify entirely and fully the whole policy of Japan in Manchuria and the Far East generally. Such at least is the impression given by EARL STANHOPE's article in the March number of the *Nineteenth Century* and after on Great Britain and Japan in the Far East. EARL STANHOPE last year made a tour through the Far East. He approached Japan, in his own words, with "his mind filled with the lofty ideals of Bushido, his admiration stimulated by tales of magnificent courage displayed by her troops in the late war"; he left Japan and the Far East with more moderate views as to Japanese character—views which he fears will lead to the accusation that he is "violently anti-Japanese." He admits that his blind admiration having given place to further knowledge, he may have been led to place undue stress on certain shortcomings of the Japanese, but he contends that if there is to be a perfect understanding between Great Britain and Japan each must realise not only the other's virtues, but also the other's faults. Those who take a moderate attitude in regard to Japan's policy in the Far East will readily admit this; much more those who take extreme views—a section, it is to be feared, in the majority. Indeed, it is the difficulty of forming moderate views on Japan which seems to be the chief cause of the trouble. The ardent pro-Japanese and the no less ardent anti-Japanese, each serving but to

add to the warmth of the other, have quite drowned the voice of the person of moderate views, who, neither thinking Japan a saint nor a sinner, but merely possessed of an average kind of conscience, cannot be led into enthusiastic adulation on the one hand or intemperate abuse on the other. In an age of sensations, moderate views, which can never by their nature partake of the sensational, are somewhat at a discount, but still it is necessary that they should be from time to time enunciated. EARL STANHOPE's charges against Japan are numerous, are fairly moderately stated, and mostly turn on the question of the railway ways of Manchuria. As far as Korea is concerned he admits that the people of that country are infinitely better governed than they ever were before, and that the Korean may be benefited by being compelled to swallow his dose of paternal government. So far, then, he has no quarrel with Japan. In Manchuria things are very different. The Japanese control the South Manchuria Railway, and by an arrangement with China are entitled to import via Dalny duty free all goods required for the use of her officials on the railway. The complaint that Japan is making use of this concession to smuggle goods into Manchuria EARL STANHOPE considers as not unfounded, at any rate as far as cotton goods and tobacco are concerned. Then there is the question of the railway from Mukden to Antung on the Yalu River. This the Japanese, who own it, are converting from a mountain railway of thirty-inch gauge to a railway of standard gauge with ordinary gradients. The object, the writer thinks, is to enable Japanese troops in Manchuria to get back into Korea in the event of an advance into that country from the north-west by Russia—a by no means improbable contingency," adds EARL STANHOPE, "in the [we hope unlikely] event of another war." The explanation of Japan, that the reconstruction is to enable it to cope with passengers, mails and freight proceeding from Europe via the trans-Siberian Railway to Japan, is dismissed as idle on the ground that the line can never be remunerative enough to pay for the expense entailed. EARL STANHOPE then details the story of the proposed railways in Manchuria and the opposition of Japan on the ground of interference with the South Manchuria Railway, an opposition in which he thinks Japan has been tacitly supported by the British Government. He particularly objects to the answer made by the British Government when questioned as to the limits within which the Japanese Government was entitled to veto or interfere in any measures the Chinese Government might desire to take for the development of Western Manchuria and Mongolia. The answer made by the British Government was that this was a matter entirely for arrangement between the respective Governments of China and Japan. The conclusion of EARL STANHOPE is that the British Government has no intention of supporting British enterprise in the Far East; Great Britain dare not move on account of Japan's feelings. Examining the charges as a whole they seem rather to turn on a question of policy than of any actual depravity in the Japanese character, and it is quite possible for a re-statement of the case to be made from the other side. Objections may be raised to the policy of any country without including in the censure the whole of the people of that country. It may also be noted, in passing, that although Japan's policy has chiefly affected British enterprise, it is not directed against Great Britain. EARL STANHOPE admits that American enterprise has also suffered. To say, therefore, that Japan is vetoing British enterprise is hardly to put the case fairly. Japan is vetoing foreign enterprise in Manchuria. The policy may or may not be a sound one, but it is only right that it should be stated correctly and not in terms which would prejudice Japan in the eyes of her ally. But turning again to the charges, what would an apologist for Japan have to say in reply? He might argue somewhat like this: "Admitting that all your charges are true; admitting that our policy is, as EARL STANHOPE says, petty and inconsistent—and I suppose all Governments that ever existed have at some time or other been accused of inconsistency—still, I think it is only fair you should remember who pulled the chestnuts out of the fire. You were all very desirous the Russian troops should be removed from Manchuria, but somehow none of you felt exactly called upon to take extreme measures. It is true that the presence of Russian troops in Manchuria affected my country more than it did yours, but the fact remains that Manchuria would have been a Russian province to-day had Japan not gone to war. It would be perhaps

sentimental reasoning to refer to the loss of the lives of a hundred thousand of my countrymen, but I think it is not too much to say that if these men had not lain down their lives you would not be disputing as to what share you should have in railway enterprises in Manchuria. Russia would have swallowed all. Even now, I see by EARL STANHOPE's remarks, she claims the right to be consulted in the event of any new railway being projected north of the Great Wall. You accuse my country of threatening China—of acting the part of the bully—but you yourselves taught me the trick. Was your policy of the 'open door' so very successful? Apparently not, since it was succeeded by 'spheres of influence,' which also, if EARL STANHOPE is correct, has proved a failure. Further, I remember after the war with China none of you upheld our claim to obtain a port on the coast of Asia, although we were only following the precedent set by Great Britain many years before. The *in quoque* argument may not be a good one, but it should at least preserve my country from being attacked as dishonourable. Have a little patience, gentlemen, and you shall all be admitted into the enterprise, but, having pulled the chestnuts out of the fire, you must at least allow me to select a few of the finest in return for my trouble."

New rules to come in force under the Stamp Ordinance this month are published in the current *Gazette*.

It is interesting to note that the Prince Regent was the first visitor to be entertained in the present Chinese Club in Hongkong.

Colonel Sir J. F. Bart, R.A.M.C., has been appointed a member of the Sanitary Board during the absence of Colonel Bedford.

The appointment of the Hon. Mr. F. A. Hazland to act as Puisne Judge, and Mr. M. W. Slade to act as Attorney-General, is gazetted.

Benzine, when exceeding one pound in weight, has been declared to be dangerous goods within the meaning of the Dangerous Goods Ordinance, 1873.

It is reported that the great firm of Krupp of Essen has made the magnificent donation of \$25,000 to the German medical school founded by the late Dr. Paulun at Shanghai.

The picnic season has commenced. St. Andrew's Church Sunday School had an excursion to Sze-tan on Saturday afternoon, and the Wesley Guild had an outing on the same afternoon.

During the absence on leave of His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, Colonel C.V.R. St. John has been appointed by the Governor a member of the Executive and Legislative Councils.

A distinguished Chinese visitor is at present in Hongkong in the person of Grand Controller Liang Sze Ye, who has been sent down by the Peking Government to report on the Kowloon-Canton Railway.

A regulation made by the Governor-in-Council under section 3 of the Live Stock Import and Export Regulation Ordinance states that no vessel shall be permitted to carry more than two hundred head of cattle for export at any one time.

The fourth case of plague this season was reported on Saturday. This, like the last, came from Kennedytown, and also proved fatal. Four cases at a period of the year when hundreds have usually been reported is a noteworthy event.

At the Magistrate on Saturday Mr. E. R. Halifax fined a native \$100 for being in unlawful possession of a quantity of opium. The same magistrate fined the keeper of a gambling den \$250, and eight men who were playing \$5 each.

The French cruiser *Montcalm* arrived in Hongkong on Saturday afternoon, the customary salutes being fired. Rear-Admiral de la Croix de Castries will make an official landing at Blake Pier this morning and will be received with a guard of honour furnished by the Rajpents.

A Chinese boy of eleven years met with a sad accident on Friday evening, whereby he lost the sight of his left eye. While walking along Hollywood Road he heard a noise on the third floor of a house, and on looking up was struck on the eye with a piece of glass which fell from a broken window. He was removed to hospital.

Captain Mitford-Taylor, A.D.C., leaves for home on the 5th instant. He has not been in the best of health for some time, and may have to undergo an operation during his stay in England. His many friends in the Colony will regret to learn this, and will join with us in wishing him a speedy recovery and a return to these shores in the best of health.

The Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson, Principal Civil Medical Officer, and Mr. G. Hoggarth, Chief Excise Officer, have been appointed to represent the Government and the Opium Farmer, respectively, under regulation 5 of the regulations made by the Governor-in-Council on March 1st, 1910, under section 51 (1) of the Opium Ordinance, 1903. This provides that the premises and books of the Farmer shall at all times during business hours be open to the inspection of a Government Officer and a representative of the Farmer.

The local rubber market, according to the rubber share circular issued by Mr. F. E. Ellis, suffered a severe reaction last week, and all stocks show a vast disparity in prices compared with those ruling at the close of the previous week. The London market closed dull with an inclination to weaken further, while in Singapore buyers are beginning to come forward at low rates.

The bureau of health, says the *Cablenews American*, has recently been cleaning up the City of Manila with a fine tooth comb in search of lepers who had escaped from the provinces to avoid transportation to the Culion Leprosy Republic, and during the 22 days from March 28 to April 18 no less than 19 sufferers from the dread disease, three of them Chinese, have been gathered in and transferred to San Lazaro.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to make the following appointments:—Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson to act as Colonial Secretary, Mr. C. McI. Messer to act as Colonial Treasurer, Mr. C. Clement to be his private secretary, Captain G. E. Garnett, R.G.A., to be his A.D.C., and Captain G. G. Wood of the Volunteers to be his honorary A.D.C.

Regulations made by the Governor-in-Council under the Liquors Ordinance, 1903, state that the importation of dutiable liquor and denatured spirits from China into the northern district of the New Territories is prohibited unless notice in writing has been given to the district officer of such importation and the duty on such liquors has been paid in full; also that the list of places in the Colony for the import of dutiable liquors and denatured spirits, specified by the Governor under section 4 of the Ordinance, and published in the *Gazette*, is revoked.

The Central and Western districts of the city having been provided with plague hospitals, the Chinese in the eastern district are being called upon to provide one for that area. A site has been procured near the district watchman's houses on the road leading up to Wanchai Gap, and the completed work will cost somewhere about \$25,000. A theatrical performance in aid of the building fund was given at the Chinese theatre at Wanchai Gap, and it is expected that from this source about \$5,000 will be realised.

According to the *Bagnio* correspondent of the *Cablenews American* there is a possibility that the courts may be called upon to decide whether or not a photograph of a piece of local paper currency is a violation of the currency law. Recently a Filipino in Albay sent a friend a small photograph of a ten-peso bill as a birthday present. The recipient, evidently believing the excellent reproduction to be of commercial value, took it to the provincial treasurer of Albay and asked him to cash it. The treasurer immediately confiscated it and sent it to the constabulary for investigation. The question has since been transferred to the secretary of finance and justice and will probably be the subject of a court trial.

The Colonial Treasurer's financial statement for the month of February shows that the revenue derived during that period was \$622,734.31, and this, with a balance on 31st January of \$322,834.59, gives a total of \$945,568.90. Deducting February's expenditure of \$867,177.42, there is a credit balance of \$78,391.48. The statement of assets and liabilities shows assets amounting to \$339,298.36, liabilities totalling \$260,906.88, and the credit balance mentioned. The reimbursement due by railway construction account on 31st January was \$1,171,235.10, which, less a credit balance of \$142,87.05 on account of February, leaves \$1,028,348.05. This amount, plus the credit balance before mentioned, leaves the balance of assets (General Account) standing at \$1,106,820.49.

We understand that Mrs. W. J. Williams, B. Litt., who takes up her appointment to-day as Head Mistress of the Victoria British School, intends to conduct the school on fresh lines. The lower part will be worked on Kindergarten principles, the upper part on Secondary School lines, and in time, extra subjects, like French and Latin, will be introduced. Mrs. Williams has specialised on the "Principle and Methods of Education," and has over ten years' experience in the teaching of boys and girls from the ages of nine and ten to the ages of nineteen and twenty. Mrs. Williams intends holding shortly at the Victoria School an "At Home," or "Open day at School," for those parents who are sending, or are intending to send, their children to that school, when she will explain her aims and desires for the school. All parents desirous of sending their children to school, must apply to the Head Mistress, and children cannot be admitted until one month has elapsed after the application.

## ACTING GOVERNOR ASSUMES OFFICE.

The prescribed oaths of office were on Saturday administered by His Honour the Chief Justice, in the presence of the Executive Council, to the Hon. Sir Henry May, who assumed the Administration of the Government on the departure of His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard on vacation leave.

Sir Henry May has administered the Government on three previous occasions, so that he is not a novice in the high position to which he has succeeded. During his previous terms of office he proved that he was possessed of the qualifications and ability necessary for the government of a Crown Colony, and Sir Frederick Lugard could not have left his duties in more capable hands. Sir Henry May previously acted as Governor from November, 1903, to July, 1904; from December, 1905, to January, 1907; and from April, 1907, to July of the same year.

## TELEGRAMS.

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## RUSSIA AND CHINA.

LONDON, April 29th.

A St. Petersburg message states that the Russian Minister at Peking has been instructed to inform the Chinese Government that unless the question of the navigation of the Sungari is settled by July 1st in conformity with Russia's Treaty rights, Russia will ignore the Chinese regulations. Customs dues will be deposited with the Russo-Chinese Bank until July 1st, and Russia will demand repayment of the dues paid by Russian shipowners.

## A SCOTTISH BYE-ELECTION.

LONDON, April 30th.

The bye-election in South Edinburgh has resulted in the return of Mr. Lyell, the Liberal candidate, who received 8,694 votes, against 6,367 cast for Mr. Glyn, the Unionist candidate.

[Mr. C. H. Lyell unsuccessfully contested Edinburgh at the General Election a few months ago. He succeeds Mr. Arthur Dewar, K.C., who was appointed Solicitor-General for Scotland in March, 1909. Curiously enough the majority of 2,327 secured by Mr. Lyell is only seven short of the margin of 2,334 which Mr. Dewar had in January last.—Ed.]

## MR. ROOSEVELT IN HOLLAND.

LONDON, April 30th.

Mr. Roosevelt yesterday had lunch with Queen Wilhelmina and her Consort at the Palace at Hetloo, and afterwards proceeded to Amsterdam, whence he will go to The Hague. He is treated everywhere as a Royal guest.

LONDON, April 30th.  
Mr. Roosevelt was the object of extraordinary popular demonstrations at Amsterdam and The Hague.

## NEW VETO BILL.

LONDON, May 1st.

A Veto Bill has just been issued in the House of Commons entitled, "The Parliament Bill."

The preamble recites that whereas it is intended to substitute for the House of Lords a second chamber to be constituted on a popular instead of a hereditary basis, but as such substitution cannot immediately be brought into operation, it is expedient to restrict existing powers.

The measure further provides that a Money Bill, if not passed by the House of Lords within a month, shall be presentable to His Majesty with a certificate from the Speaker, and that a purely Money Bill shall become law on the Royal assent and the Speaker's certificate, and shall be unquestionable by any court of law.

The Bill otherwise enacts the recent resolutions passed.

## AERIAL COMPETITION.

LONDON, May 1st.

An enthusiastic luncheon has been accorded M. Paulhan, the winner of the "Daily Mail" prize of £10,000 for a flight from London to Manchester.

The "Daily Mail" now offers a further prize of £10,000 for a flight from London to Edinburgh and back.

## A MARRIAGE IN THE OPEN AIR.

A marriage was celebrated the other day on a grass slope among the hills on the border of Roxburgh and Scotland. The bride lived on the Cumberland side of the border, about 50 yards up the hillside from the stream which divides England and Scotland, while the bridegroom is a shepherd belonging to the Torvihead district of the neighbouring county of Roxburgh. The English marriage law does not allow a marriage at a private house, but it was desired that the marriage should be at the bride's house. To meet the difficulty the services of a Scottish minister were obtained to perform the ceremony, but it was necessary that the wedding should be solemnized on Scottish ground. Accordingly it was decided to have the marriage performed in the open air. The customary young men's race was run after the marriage, and the party then recessed the stream and mounted the hill to the bride's house.

## SIR HORMUSJEE MODY.

GOVERNOR'S FAREWELL SURPRISE.

His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard has sprung one or two pleasurable surprises on the Colony, and another surprise was in store for those who attended his farewell reception. Indeed, so zealously had the secret been guarded that none of the guests who attended the reception were aware that the letters patent conferring the honour of knighthood on Sir Hormusjee Mody were to be presented on Friday night.

In the course of the evening Captain Mitchell-Taylor, A.D.C., sprung the news on those present, and there was soon a large assemblage in the State Room.

There His EXCELLENCY announced that he had been commanded by His Majesty the King to deliver to Sir Hormusjee Mody the letters patent conferring upon him the degree of Knight Bachelor. It afforded His Excellency great pleasure to do this, and after referring to the new knight's munificence, and expressing the wish that Sir Hormusjee would live long to enjoy the honour conferred upon him by His Majesty, he read the letters patent as follows:—

"Edward the Seventh by the grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King Defender of the Faith to all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting: Know Ye that We of our especial grace certain knowledge and mere motion have given and granted and by these presents Do give and grant unto Our trusty and well beloved Hormusjee Nowrojee Mody Esquire of Hongkong the degree title honour and dignity of a Knight Bachelor together with rights pre-eminences privileges and advantages to the same degree title honour and dignity belonging or appertaining. In witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made patent. Witness Ourself at Westminster the sixteenth day of March in the tenth year of Our reign." As the Governor handed over the letters patent, and Sir Hormusjee accepted them, the room rang with applause, and the knight then received many hearty handshakes and congratulations.

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB'S APPRECIATION.  
At the annual dinner of the Kowloon Cricket Club held in the Hongkong Hotel on Saturday night, Sir Hormusjee Mody was the recipient of an illuminated address engrossed on vellum, which had also photographs at each of the four corners representing scenes at various club events. The case in which it was enclosed was of red morocco, surmounted by a cricket bat and wickets and bearing the recipient's monogram. The address was as follows:—

To Sir Hormusjee N. Mody, Kt.  
Dear Sir,—We the undersigned Committee and Members of the Kowloon Cricket Club desire to convey to you our heartfelt congratulations, and to express the pleasure we feel that His Most Gracious Majesty the King has been pleased to recognize the numerous public services you have rendered to the community during the many years you have resided in the Colony, by raising you to that distinguished order of knighthood of which you are now a member.

We have on several occasions been the recipients of your generosity and have experienced your good fellowship and hospitality, and the fact that whilst inaugurating and assisting so many important educational and charitable movements in this Colony you have at the same time held out a helping and encouraging hand to the cause of sport and recreation indicates that liberal and broad-mindedness which has ever been one of your admirable characteristics.

We pray that you will accept these our sincere congratulations and our hope that you will be spared for many years to witness the fruition and maturity of the many important undertakings which have been fostered by your interest and generosity.

## MAMMOTH HATS.

Women's hats are larger than ever. One West End milliner was exhibiting in her show-rooms yesterday only two types. The mammoth hat was one, and the other was the turban in various shapes, among them the Spanish tressor, the Nabob, and the Sultan, all closely fitting, very fascinatingly made in straw, with feather and flower trimmings.

In the opinion of the designers of these hats, however, there is no hope for the turban against the all-conquering hat of gigantic dimensions. The milliner placed upon a mannequin's head a hat composed of black Chantilly lace, draped over a light wire frame, with a trailing black plume resented with the mammoth hat. Not only are the brims of the large hats immense, but the crowns of the majority are according to an alarming height.

One chance remains for the turban. It may be worn in the new and very brilliant shades, such as couleur de rose and the dazzling blue called mauve. Few women would be daring enough to put on a blazing blue hat of over two yards' circumference. A delicate shall pink shot with dull gold and trimmed with a couple of great rose-buds is as bright a colour as the milliners so far resuscitated with the mammoth hat. Not only are the brims of the large hats immense, but the crowns of the majority are according to an alarming height.

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C. & M. str. *Zafiro* left Manila on the 30th ult. and is due here to-day at 2 p.m.  
The I.G.M. str. *Geben* left Shanghai on the 30th ult., at midnight, and may be expected here to-morrow at 10 a.m.  
The P. & O. S.N. Co.'s str. *Suzie* is expected to arrive at Colombo on the 5th May.  
The Silk port O.S.K. str. *Tacoma Maru*, which sailed from here on the 23rd ult., arrived at New York on the 27th ult.  
The P.M. str. *Siberia* left Yokohama on the 30th ult., and is due here on the 13th inst.



## RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

And so we have said au revoir to Sir Frederick Lugard. He has worked hard during the three years he has been in our midst and fully deserves his vacation. No one begrudges him his holiday, for it can truthfully be said that he has practically accomplished the impossible in so far as he has succeeded in pleasing almost everybody in the Colony.

The Governor's departure from the Colony was typical of the man. He went, on board H.M.S. Monmouth on Friday night and next morning at daybreak he had gone. *Bon voyage!*

The administration of the government could not be left in more capable hands than those of Sir Henry May, who has had some little experience of the office, having acted as Administrator on three previous occasions. In Lady May he has an invaluable helpmeet.

Wasn't it singular that the advent of May should have taken place on the thirtieth of April?

Out here one learns nothing of the old custom which still persists at home of seeking a good complexion by washing the face in the May dew on the first morning of the month, though prolonged dinner or bridge parties on the last night of April might give the opportunity to some in Hongkong. But probably the good folks who dine so late do not need to worry about their complexion.

Hongkong has reason to congratulate itself this year on the extraordinary immunity from plague which it has enjoyed. The reason is doubtless to be found in the remarkably long spell of cool weather which has distinguished the early part of the year and in the absence of the moist, clammy conditions in which the plague germs seem to flourish. Of course, greater enlightenment on the subject of sanitary laws must not be forgotten, and those responsible for this are entitled to their meed of praise.

One of the pleasures of summer is being able to discard headgear at night, and entertainments last week showed how greatly the privilege was appreciated by the mere men folk.

Bathing will take its place in the daily fixtures from now onwards, and estimates are being discussed by the ladies. Some innovations are threatened this season.

The honours conferred on the founder of the University have been announced with a certain amount of stagecraft. The publication of the knighthood for this friend of education was made in dramatic circumstances at the recent ceremony, and on Friday another surprise was effected when the Governor performed the investiture ceremony at the reception on Friday evening. Whatever the circumstances, there can be no doubt that the honour has been well bestowed.

Hongkong has taken the spy sensation very calmly.

It is pleasant to see British boys taking an interest in the "Scout" movement, and if the boys be well trained and educated there should be little need in future to make so many frantic appeals for volunteers. I wish every success to the Hongkong scouts.

Admirers of Pennac appear to be much distressed because a real live Yankee who visited its shores could see nothing of beauty about the place. A friend who questioned this visitor must have thought he lacked an aesthetic taste, to fail to see beauty where others saw it. The resident then asked the American if he had seen nothing there that struck him as curious or worthy of note. The Yankee did not delay in answering that question. "Well," he said, "I did see one curious thing, and that was a—d curious. I went out to that place called Dohy Ghant, and there I saw a blooming great naked nigger trying to split a rock with a shirt." The way of putting it is decidedly original, but the practice is common to the East. All diebies on the China coast endeavor to do the same thing, as the European resident knows to his cost.

Leaders of fashion do not always find the admiration which they seek. For instance, the advent of Merry Widow hats caused men to theatres to see exceptionally unkind things of lovely woman. Now the Chanticleer head adornment has come into vogue, but judging by a droll story which comes from Brighton, the new head-dress is likely to be short-lived. Here, a story is told of a lady who created a mild sensation on the Parade by appearing in the newest and most pronounced of Chanticleer hats. On her second appearance a crowd of small boys hovered in the "offing" crowing lustily, and one infantile wag, with a keen sense of the ludicrous, preceded her, scattering corn in her path. This was too much for the fair votary of fashion, who promptly returned to the normal in headgear.

The bane of orators is the reporter, and the bane of commercial men the shorthand writer. The winged art is looked upon as a boon to mankind, but fifty per cent. of speakers and dictators do not consider it so. In fact, they are generally amazed on reading the stenographer's interpretation of what they have said. Imagine the feelings of the American orator who sought a phrase from dead Latin to impress his hearers. In the course of an address he said, *Amicus Plato, amicus Socrates, et major veritas.* Next morning it appeared in print as, "I may cuss Socrates, I may cuss Plato," said Major Veritas.

Here is another description of a poet's dream, a poet who composed verse so rapidly that a shorthand writer was indispensable. The poem dictated, and the stenographer's version, are taken from the *Postal Record*:

TO PHYLLIS.  
(As He Dictated It.)  
Phyllis, up in the morning,  
Spirit of love and spring;  
Phyllis, like the willow,  
Voice like the birds that sing;  
Phyllis, full of the sunshine,  
Sparkling like drops of dew;  
Phyllis, Phyllis, O Phyllis!  
This is a song for you.  
Phyllis, why do you linger?  
Why do you rest so long?  
Phyllis, we wait your coming,  
Over the bloom-decked plain.  
Phyllis, a brimming beaker,  
Now your health we quaff,  
Setting our hearts all leaping,  
Lighter than wind-blown chaff.  
DO FILL US.  
(As His Stenographer Took It.)  
Fill us up in the morning,  
Spirits of loving spring.  
Fill us tight as a pillow—  
Boys like the birds that sing.  
Fill us full of moonshine,  
Sparkling like drops of dew—  
Fill us, fill us, fill us!  
This is too strong for you.  
Fill us! Why do you linger?  
Why are your feet in pain?  
Fill us! We wait your coming,  
Over the bloom-decked plain.  
Phyllis, a brimming beaker,  
Now to health we quaff,  
Setting our hearts all leaping,  
Light as a ring-bellied calf.

## CONCERT IN THE CITY HALL.

If one may judge of the excellence of a concert by the appreciation of an audience, then Saturday night's concert, held by the Y.M.C.A. enthusiasts on behalf of the Y.M.C.A. library was a distinct success, for the audience seemed inclined to endorse each item. The two outstanding features of the concert, as far as excellence of production is concerned, were the two violin solos of Professor Gonzalez, and the sword and club displays of Bombardier F. Burgess. Professor Gonzalez played his first concerto in a masterly style, and after playing solo and so exhausting a work it was inconsiderate on the part of the audience to expect an encore. The sword display of Bombardier Burgess was absolutely marvellous in its muscular mobility, and those who know most about such methods of physical culture would appreciate most his skill, deftness and accuracy. Taking the remainder of the programme as it occurred, one could not help feeling that the String Quartette, composed of Messrs. Barlow, Claxton, Tuxford, and Areshbutt, were not given a fair hearing. It is very unkind to ask instrumentalists to begin the two parts of a programme, as most people seem to consider that they can talk quite half-way through an instrumental piece as though it were of no account, when, in fact, it requires equally as much talent and greater practice than a vocal performance, and should be given the compliment of as equally strict attention. These four gentlemen played with studied restraint and great refinement, both in Haydn's Minuet and in Mozart's Rondo, and had they been announced, or had their pieces come between songs, they would probably have received encores. The duet "Watchman, what of the night," by Messrs. C. B. Ayris and R. E. White, was excellent. Mr. White's hope-inspiring voice was very fine in the answering portions of the duet. They gave an encore, "The moon hath raised her silvery lamp above," and sang it well, but Mr. Ayris' voice was not quite high enough in tone and sufficiently bell-like in timbre for the tenor part of this duet. His voice was heard to much greater advantage in his own two songs, "Star and Rose" and "All Saint's Day." "A Day in May" would have been a better title for the latter song. These he sang exceptionally well, but, alas! they were marred in the softer parts by the rumble of cars and rickshaws outside. Mrs. Goldsmith's songs did not bring out the rich full tone and sustaining power of her voice so well as other songs she has sung, and she, too, was unfortunate in having the quiet parts of her songs overwhelmed by the noise outside. Surely, if the Government cannot afford to pave the whole of the main street with wood, they can do so around the block of buildings connected with the City Hall. It must be very trying to singers and players to have to perform amid such disturbing elements, and it is certainly expediting to an audience to miss the fine effects through these distracting noises. The audience was grieved to hear from Captain Baker that Mrs. Badley was suffering from a bad cold and could not give her promised song, "Who'll buy my lavender?" Mr. Hannibal's song, "He was a married man," though only of low comedian type as far as wit was concerned, was well received. His presentation of three modes of reciting "The Absent-Minded Beggar" was a much higher artistic production, showing that time and thought had been given to study of the characters portrayed. Miss Clark's recitation of "Two loves and a life" was excellently rendered, her gestures being most graceful and natural. It was a pity that her voice was not more resonant, so as to fill the hall better and grip the audience more. Mrs. Clark's song and encore were, most vividly and effectively rendered, but it was unfortunate that she had not chosen songs which would bring out the fullness of her voice—indicated in many parts but without opportunity of development—as well as provide scope for her power of interpreting the spirit of her songs. This notice should not be closed without some mention being made of the excellent way in which Mr. White accompanied during the first half of the programme. Apparently he must have had another engagement for the latter half of the evening, as he did not appear on the platform again after the interval. No praise can be too high for the way in which this gentleman substituted his playing to the singing of the vocalists, always supporting but never overwhelming. He reminds us forcibly of Hubert Lunn, the accompanist of singers like Madame Albani, Madame Clara Butt, Ben Davis, Lloyd Chaudos, Marie Brome, and Andrew Black, and we can but wish him equal success.

COMPANY MEETINGS.  
THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

The twenty-first ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders in this Company was held at the Company's offices, St. George's Building, at noon on Saturday. Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar presided, and there were also present: Sir Horamjee Mody and Mr. G. H. Medhurst (directors), Mr. W. H. Wickham (general manager), Dr. J. W. Noble and Messrs. A. H. M. da Silva, L. E. Ozorio, E. R. Roberts, O. Baptista, J. McCollin, E. W. Terry, C. G. Mackie, P. C. Potts, G. B. Sayer, F. Graham, J. D. Auld and Leung Yan Po.

The General Manager read the notice calling the meeting. The Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—The report and statement of accounts having been in your hands for some days, I propose, with your permission, to take them as read. Your directors have pleasure in submitting these accounts, showing, as they do, the results of the most successful year's working during the Company's existence. The balance at credit of Working Account amounts to \$169,595.48, as compared with \$152,381.49, the balance resulting from the previous year's working. This increase can only be considered satisfactory to all concerned. It has been obtained both by increased economy, due to the satisfactory working of the Diesel plant installed in 1908, and, what is more satisfactory, by an increased output of electricity, notwithstanding the falling-off in many of our consumers' accounts, due to the introduction of the more efficient Metallic Filament Lamp. The fall of revenue, due to wider extension of use of the more efficient lamp, is likely to continue, especially as the price of these lamps becomes reduced, but we hope that as in the past the net result will be that our output will continue to be increased by fresh consumers attracted by the efficiency and economy of electric lighting. The sum standing at the credit of Profit and Loss Account amounts to \$174,790.96. After deducting Directors' Fees (\$3,000) the sum of \$171,790.96 remains available for appropriation, which your directors propose to deal with as follows:—To pay a dividend of 12 per cent., say, \$120 per share, on 60,000 shares, \$72,000.00; to pay a bonus of 1 per cent., say, 10 cents per share on 60,000 shares, \$6,000.00; to write off Plant Account for depreciation, \$72,065.53; to write off Property account for depreciation, \$5,000.00; to write off furniture account for depreciation, \$477.00; to pay a bonus to the staff, \$4,450.00; and carry forward to next account, \$11,798.26, making a total of \$171,790.96. This proposal, I trust, will receive your sanction and approval, following, as it does, the past policy of your Board, in writing off for depreciation of plant and property at least an equal amount to that paid in dividends. To the adoption of this policy, the present position of the Company may largely be attributed. The very success of the Diesel plant renders it most necessary to clear off from our books the value of the steam plant which was previously in use, but is now practically only a stand-by in case of an unforeseen breakdown of the Diesel engines. Two of the older steam sets that were no longer of service to us have been disposed of at modest prices, such as indicate the necessity for a continuation of a vigorous policy of writing down our assets. The station buildings have, to a certain extent, been further remodelled during the year and a third Diesel set is now in process of erection on the site formerly occupied by the steam sets before mentioned. The cost of this Diesel set has yet to be debited to our Capital Account, but we trust that the further economies resulting from its working will fully justify the somewhat large outlay we shall shortly have to make. During the year an amount of about \$45,000.00 has been spent in extending our system of underground mains throughout the Chinese part of the city and a portion of the central district. This expenditure has been incurred in displacing large portions of our old overhead system, and, whilst it can hardly be expected to bring us immediately any large increase in revenue, we trust that by the provision of a more efficient and certain service, it will be the means of attracting further consumers in these districts. The extension of our underground distribution to the West Point District in 1909 has resulted in the addition of a number of new consumers amongst the Chinese and already may be said to have justified the outlay on that extension. Gentlemen, the directors, when proposing the increase in dividend to shareholders, have also considered that the interests of the Company would best be served by making a concession to those who have been and are supporting this Company. I mean, our consumers. I have therefore pleasure to announce that every consumer, whose monthly accounts exceed \$25.00, will, in future, receive a substantial rebate, particulars as to which will be posted to each consumer with his April Account. We trust that the immediate loss of revenue, which will undoubtedly result from this scale of rebates, will be more than made up by the extension of our service to fresh consumers. I am very sorry to have to inform you that we are losing the services of our manager, Mr. Wickham, who is retiring from the East. He has been with the Company since its formation, over 21 years ago, and on his retirement we lose the services of a very capable and conscientious servant. The sound position in which the Company is to-day is in a very great measure due to his able management. You will, however, be pleased to hear that your directors have come to an arrangement with Mr. Wickham to act as the Company's Consulting Engineer and London representative for the placing of orders for machinery, cables, etc., which may be sent home, and I feel certain that this will prove of benefit to the Company in every way. Mr. Graham, who acted as manager during Mr. Wickham's absence on holiday, has been

appointed manager. Before formally moving the adoption of the Report and Accounts I shall be pleased to answer any questions which shareholders may wish to put.

No questions were asked, and the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts as submitted.

Dr. Noble seconded, and the motion was agreed to. Mr. Auld moved the confirmation of the appointment of Sir Horamjee Mody and Mr. G. H. Medhurst to the directorate.

Mr. Leung Yan Po seconded, and the motion was carried. Sir Horamjee Mody and the Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson were re-elected directors, on the motion of Mr. SILVA, seconded by Mr. ROBERTS.

It was proposed by Mr. MACKIE, seconded by Mr. OZORIO, and agreed, that Messrs. W. Hutton Potts and J. Cox Edwards should be reappointed auditors.

The Chairman.—That is all the business, gentlemen. Thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready and can be had on application at the office on Monday morning.

## FAREWELL DINNER.

MR. W. M. ANDERSON ENTERED.

The leading bankers and merchants of the Chinese community on Saturday evening entertained Mr. W. M. Anderson, the manager of the International Banking Corporation in Hongkong, to a complimentary dinner at the Chinese Club. The company numbered 74 and included several members of the European banking community and other guests. Mr. Lan Chu Pak, the president of the Club, occupied the chair, and seated beside him was the guest of the evening, on his left being Mr. N. S. Marshall, the new manager of the International Bank in Hongkong. Others present were: Messrs. H. K. Kilby, A. C. Shorey, F. M. D. Courtney, G. A. Moir, W. North, J. Forrester, C. Stewart, while among the Chinese merchants and bankers were: Messrs. Ng Li Bing, Ho U Ming, Wong Kam Pak, C. H. Lee, Cheung Man Hing, Fung Tang, Moikai Nam, Chu Foo Lan, Ching Yung Fong, Li Tze Chiu, Wing Sing Loong, Kwong Fook Tung, Wo Shing, Ho Ngok Lan, Luk Lai Cho, Yu Ling Loong, Chow Kam Wing, Sze Yui Man, Leung Hok Lau, To Fat Sun, Lai Sun Hing, Lu Ku Un, Yuen Fung Yuen and Yee Siu Yen. The company having done ample justice to the choice Chinese fare provided, the Chairman proposed the toast of "The King," which was loyally acknowledged, a compliment which was repeated when Mr. Moir submitted the toast of "The Emperor of China."

The Chairman, in asking the company to drink to the health of the guest of the evening, spoke of the good opinions which he had frequently heard expressed of the International Bank and its able manager, Mr. Anderson, and proceeded to read the English translation of the address on an embroidered scroll which his Chinese friends wished to present to Mr. Anderson.

The address was in the following terms:

Mr. Anderson, a native of Scotland, was highly ambitious, accomplished and talented when he was a lad. As he advanced in age, he came to India in the East, gaining much new knowledge by studying fully the habits and customs of the inhabitants of the place. After a long sojourn there, up to the year 1904, he took voyage further East and accepted the post of chief accountant in the Guaranty and Trust Company of New York in Hongkong, where he showed extraordinary abilities. Shortly thereafter, he took up an appointment in the International Bank and was made manager of the various branch offices in South China and the Straits Settlements. This latter office he filled with equal tact, so that in the year 1908 he was promoted to the appointment which he has just relinquished in Hongkong. Here, too, there is in his care were in perfect order. In the transaction of business he was conspicuous in his common sense, no less than in his affability. In short, being just, considerate and vastly experienced, he was as clever as he was successful in organizing any management entrusted to him. Now, on the eve of his departure to take up an office in the Far Eastern Bank at Bombay, we Chinese Merchants, take this opportunity to congratulate the said Bank on securing the services of such a capable man, and at the same time to express our regret at the loss of a worthy friend from our midst. As a token of esteem and regard, we respectfully give him a farewell dinner and express our wishes and sentiments as follows:—In Mr. Anderson we find a man genuine and true; unpretentious in character. He is amiable in the treatment of others. Always fair in business dealings. His wishes lie in the promotion of national wealth. Now, as he is going afar, His mind must be busily occupied. May his journey be made under a lucky star is our fervent prayer. Though insignificant and poor be the repast, We unite in bidding him farewell.

Mr. ANDERSON made an appropriate reply. He ascribed whatever success which had attended his efforts here to the members of the Chinese staff of the Bank, and expressed his great appreciation of the business men of Hongkong, than whom there were none better. In conclusion he proposed the toast of the "Chinese community," and paid a high compliment to their business acumen and sense of fairness and gratitude.

Mr. Ho U MIN, in responding, spoke of the consideration always shown by the International Bank and wished Mr. Anderson every success in his new sphere. Other toasts were: "Other Guests," proposed by Mr. G. H. Lee and responded to by Mr. Moir; "The Press," proposed by Mr. Ho U Ming; "Our Hosts," proposed by Mr. Moir; responded to by the Chairman; "The Chairman," proposed by Mr. A. Ramsey.

## LOCAL SPORT.

## FOOTBALL.

88 COY. R.O.A. v. "REST" SECOND DIVISION. The football season was brought to a close on Saturday afternoon when the first winners of the second division of the League competition, 88 Coy., met a team drawn from the other competing clubs. Opening with the sun behind them the Rest were first to assume the aggressive, and several good individual efforts on the part of the forwards almost had the desired effect. The Gunners showed signs of form as the game progressed, but an over-anxiety to score on the part of individual forwards spoiled several openings. A few minutes before the interval the Gunners scored for the Rest, and the whistle sounded for half-time with the scores:—Rest, 1; 88 Coy., 0.

The second half of the game was rather slow, both teams evidently feeling the effects of the heat. Kingsland had hard lines in failing to equalise with a magnificent shot which hit the crossbar, and later with a drive which grazed the upright when the goalkeeper was in an impossible position. No further scoring resulted and honours went to the Rest, who won by the only goal of the match.

At the conclusion of the match the "Ellis Cup" and the League medals were presented to the 88 Coy. team by Miss Lyons.

## LAWN BOWLS.

POLICE v. CIVIL SERVICE. An inter-club match was played on the ground of the Civil Service Club at Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon, when the home team met and were defeated by the Police. Four rinks were engaged in the match, and the game on each was 21 heads. The visitors won by fourteen points, only one of the Service rinks scoring a win off their rivals. At the fifth head the game stood: Police, 31; Civil Service, 14. When five more heads had been played the game stood 49-32 in favour of the Police. At the fifteenth head the scores were: Police, 64; Civil Service, 48, while the final head saw the scores standing 85-72 in favour of the Police. The rinks scores were:—

POLICE.	CIVIL SERVICE.
Stewart	Blake
Kent	Lamble
Grant	Thornhill
Grant (skip)	Bond (skip)
18	18
Ball	Davey
Hanson	Blower
Ogg	Howell
Pitt (skip)	McIvor (skip)
14	14
Garrahy	Duncan
Hill	Gast
Cameron	Adams
Withers (skip)	Wheal (skip)
17	15
McHardy	Dawson
Baker	Pile
Robertson	Fincher
Langley (skip)	L. E. Brett (skip)
14	25

KOWLOON v. TAIKOO. The meeting between these clubs on the Kowloon green on Saturday proved enjoyable, and unusual excitement prevailed at the close when it was found that the total scores of the three rinks which had finished gave a draw. Interest centred on the last rink, and enthusiasm ran high among the Kowloon supporters when Harvey's bowl decided the issue, giving the home team the victory by one point. Scores:—

TAIKOO.	KOWLOON.
W. Eldridge	C. R. Harrison
B. Gray	E. B. Ayris
A. C. Crane	T. Ramsay
J. Taylor (skip)	J. MacDonald (skip)
15	19
J. Pascoe	W. M. Cullough
A. Hamilton	T. Petrie
A. S. Currie	G. K. Haxton
Dickie (skip)	D. Harvey (skip)
17	18
D. McNeil	S. Gray
P. Farrell	J. Mauchan
W. Hardwick	D. Keith
R. Aitken	C. W. Alexander
(skip)	(skip)
26	20
J. Ferguson	W. Taylor
G. Anderson	T. Nance
Chapman	G. E. Edwards
H. Dinnaid	J. M. Henderson
(skip)	(skip)
21	23

## LAWN TENNIS.

L.R.C. v. H.K.C.C. This closing match was played on Saturday afternoon on the grounds of the Hongkong Cricket Club and resulted in a win for the former by 61 games to 47. For the L.R.C. Hancock and Master had 19 games to their credit, Murray and Hastings 18, and Carr and Willson 24, while for the H.K.C.C. Kinnear and Green had 19, Whyte and Crawford 15, and Beattie and Hoss, 15.

At the conclusion the Hon. Dr. Atkinson said that the green would be open until Saturday next, when the cricket match between the champion League eleven and the rest of the League would be played, after which the Shield would be presented. Before asking Miss Wilkinson to present the prizes, he would like to congratulate Mr. Carr upon his success in winning the tennis championship three years in succession. He was indeed the best player of the game here. (Applause.) The Telegraphs were to be complimented on having won the doubles. In Mr. Hoss they had a young player of great promise. (Applause.) Captain Murray well deserved his win in the singles, while Messrs. Carr and Worcester in the professional pairs were apparently trying to emulate a former pair who won that prize six years in succession.

Miss Wilkinson then presented the prizes to the successful competitors, and was afterwards presented by Dr. Atkinson with a beautiful bouquet on behalf of the committee. Her services were further acknowledged by three hearty cheers and the usual "tiger."

The prize-winners were:—Championship, C. A. Carr; runner-up, H. Hancock; singles "A," handicap, Captain Murray; runner-up, Captain Brierley; singles "B" handicap, A. C. Shorey; runner-up, Lieut. Davidson; doubles "A," handicap, R. B. Beattie and C. T. Hoss; runner-up, S. E. Green and A. O. Brown; doubles "B," handicap, C. E. Sheldale and A. E. Sutherland.

runners-up, Captains Craig and Waring; professional pairs, C. A. Carr and W. G. Worcester; runners-up, Lieut. White and Captain Brierley; rackets championship, H. Hancock; singles handicap, H. Hancock.

## HONGKONG CRICKET LEAGUE.

## HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB v. A COMBINED LEAGUE TEAM.

A meeting of the Committee will be held in the Hongkong Cricket Club Pavilion to-morrow at 6 p.m. for the purpose of selecting a combined team from the Clubs in the League for the above match, which will take place on Saturday next at 3 p.m.

At the conclusion of this match the Shield and medals will be presented to the H.K.C.C. "A," the winning team in the competition, by Mr. W. D. Braidwood, the vice-president.

## CRICKET LEAGUE TABLE.

The following is the table up to date:—

Club	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Per cent.
H.K.C.C.	14	10	1	3	9	81.81
Telegraphs	13	9	2	2	7	53.63
Balls	14	5	2	7	3	42.85
R. G. Artillery	14	9	4	1	5	35.46
Royal Engineers	14	8	4	2	4	33.33
Civil Service	14	4	7	3	3	27.27
H. K. Police	15	3	11	1	8	57.14
Kowloon	16	3	11	2	8	57.14
Craigengower	16	3	12	1	9	60.00

## YACHTING.

## R.H.K.Y.C.

A very successful meeting was held on Saturday afternoon, when a Ladies' Race for both classes was sailed. The day was fine, with a strong wind varying from North East to East and South East. A first prize for each class was kindly given by Mr. Rouse, and second prizes by His Excellency Sir Henry May. Lady May, with a distinguished party of friends, followed the races in the launch *Victoria*.

The starts were made at 2.50 p.m. and 3 p.m. and the course was: Mark Boat off western point of Quarry Bay (port), Kowloon Rock (starboard), Channel Rock (starboard) and back to finishing line, a distance of five miles. The competitors were:—

HANDICAP CLASS.	IRIS MAY
Dione, scratch, sailed by	Iris May
Vernon	Mrs. Worthington
Kathleen, receiving 2m. 30 sec.	Mrs. Caulfield
Ada	Mrs. Chapman
Erica	Mrs. Denison

ONE-DESIGN CLASS. *Halcyon*, sailed by Mrs. Rouse. *Bonito*, II., Mrs. Holt. *Alannah*, Mrs. Harvey. *Daphne*, Mrs. Pine.

The ladies acquitted themselves very well, and there was some excellent racing. In the Handicap Class *Iris May* had the honour of bringing *Dione* in first, though Mrs. Caulfield cleverly brought *Kathleen* along so as to save her time and capture the first prize. Mrs. Worthington handled *Vernon* in a masterly manner, and had a most exciting race with *Dione*, finishing only 10 seconds behind her, but getting just beaten on time by Mrs. Denison on *Erica*. *Ada* brought up the rear, although up to Kowloon Rock Mrs. Chapman held her own bravely.

The final result was: Order of finishing—*Dione*, *Vernon*, *Erica*, *Kathleen* and *Ada*.

Result on time allowances—*Kathleen*, *Lions*, *Erica*, *Vernon* and *Ada*.

ONE-DESIGN CLASS. The two greyhounds *Halcyon* and *Bonito* had the best of it again, Mrs. Rouse taking first prize and Mrs. Holt second prize. Mrs. Harvey was third and Mrs. Pine fourth. After the racing the yacht owners and their friends assembled at the Club House, where their Excellencies Sir Henry and Lady May were "At Home," and where the prizes were presented by Lady May.

These events created so much interest that the Yachting Committee have decided to hold a similar fixture on Saturday next, 7th May.

## WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

The following regulations have been made by His Excellency the Governor under the Wireless Telegraph Ordinance, with regard to the use of wireless telegraph apparatus on merchant ships:—

All apparatus for wireless telegraphy on board a merchant ship in the territorial waters of the Colony shall be worked in such a way as not to interfere with (a) Naval signalling, or (b) the working of any wireless telegraph station lawfully established, installed, or worked in the Colony or the territorial waters thereof, and in particular the said apparatus shall be so worked as not to interrupt or interfere with the transmission of any messages between wireless telegraph stations established as aforesaid on land and wireless telegraph stations established on ships at sea.

No apparatus for wireless telegraphy on board a merchant ship shall be worked or used whilst such ship is in any of the harbours of the Colony except with the special or general permission in writing of the Postmaster-General of the Colony.

If at any time in the opinion of the Governor an emergency has arisen in which it is expedient for the public service that His Majesty's Government should have control over the transmission of messages by wireless telegraphy, the use of wireless telegraphy on board merchant ships whilst in the territorial waters shall be subject to such further rules as may be made by the Governor from time to time, and such rules may prohibit or regulate the use of wireless telegraphy in such cases as may be deemed desirable. These regulations shall not apply to the use of wireless telegraphy for the purpose of making or answering signals of distress.

Every person who commits a breach of any of the above regulations shall be guilty of a misdemeanour and shall be liable on summary conviction before a magistrate to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, and shall also be liable to forfeit any apparatus for wireless telegraphy worked or used in contravention of the said regulations. No proceedings shall be taken against any person under these regulations except by order of the Governor.







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**FASHIONS AND FANCIES.**

**THE JOSEPHINE GOWN.**

The Empress Josephine could never have her gowns tight enough; she must have worried the modiste of the Empire period by her exigencies in this respect. But even she was content without drawing in the skirt behind the knees, or behind the ankles under a band of trimming or material. What the tight gown is coming to it is impossible to predict. The steps reflect the fashions very faithfully, and at least two London theatres the tight skirt is to be seen in its apotheosis. In "The Dollar Princess" the dresses are so excessively tight as to scandalize that portion of the audience which is fresh from the country and unaccustomed to this particular vagary of fashion. At the Savoy, Princess Cynthia is invested with a gown so tight that in needs all the innate and acquired grace of the charming wearer to enable her to ascend three steps without apparent effort. The triumph of this can only be understood by those who have had an opportunity of witnessing the achievement.

**THE TIE-BACK GOWN.**

Unfortunately a graceful gait does not come by nature to everybody, and cannot even be acquired by all, so that in ordinary life these tie-back gowns are often productive of grotesque results. The tie-backs of the 'eighties were satirical in /szech, and condemned by the "nice people with nasty ideas" who seem to predominate in a critical world. In the gown of to-day the Victorian tie-back is utterly unnecessary, the skirt being made to fit the figure as Mrs. Grundy would never have permitted it to do a generation since. Whether this exigency of drapery will increase or diminish with the advent of fair weather and flimsy frocks, it is hard to say.

**DRESSES FOR DANCES.**

The dancing dress of the hour may be either long or short; not very long, but certainly quite short. This may sound cryptic. It merely means that trains are very moderate, and that short ball-gowns finish at the ankles. It is quite curious to watch the Terpsichorean couples as they revolve, every third gown as short as a schoolgirl's in every way conceivable as a longman. The favorite ball-gown of the moment is made of thin silk or satin, with an overdress of some transparent material in contrasting color. For instance, a very lovely gown consists of crou-mauve satin, with a floating tunic of palest Nile green. Another good contrast is found in a dull blue silk with a light blue nylon tunic draped obligingly across the front, and falling in a short train at the back. A short gown in white chiffon is bordered with passementerie. The fulness of the front of the bodice is held at the waist with a pointed ornament in gold and jewels, ending in a gold fringe. With this should be worn a narrow gold band round the hair, and, if scarves were not rapidly disappearing, a gold embroidered Liberty scarf would be the aesthetic supplement.

**THE TEMPTING PETTICOAT.**

Like the snakes in Iceland, the tempting petticoat does not exist for the smart world of to-day. Its frons, its delf little frills have all disappeared in the craze for straightness and closeness of silhouette. The trailing petticoat of a couple of seasons back which excited the wrath and well-merited displeasure of hygienists is no longer seen. Englishwomen now follow the cleanly fashion of their French sisters. Petticoats are short, and fall in straight lines whether they are pleated or plain. At a dance the petticoat makes an excellent effect when carefully made part of the colour scheme.

**SOME GOOD EXAMPLES.**

A primrose-yellow gown worn over an orange silk petticoat and primrose satin shoes leads up to a touch of orange in the hair, and is the keynote of a toilet which would suit either blonde, or brunette or au naturel. A very fine combination in a rather emphatic tone of fad flower blue, and a subtle shade of lizard or taupe-green can be worked out in this way to an aesthetic finish; the stockings and shoes might be in the green, the gown blue, veiled with emerald, and blue alone triumphant in the hair. Emeralds or turquoises should be the accompanying jewels or perhaps a period, with its lovely, liquid, light-giving pale green.

**GOWNS ON THE STAGE.**

Miss Carle is wearing some lovely gowns in "La Vieille Folle," the successful new piece in Paris. The new shots have been exploited in one of these which is soft satin, blue and brown embroidered in pearls tinted blue and brown, the design Egyptian outlined with old silver. Champagne, which, by the way, is one of the most modish colours of this season, is chosen for a satin which has the skirt gathered in at the waist and again round the hem, finishing in a straight band of the satin headed with drop ornaments. A third gown is in coromandel blue silk muslin made over sky blue satin. An embroidery of blue and white jet crosses the front of the bodice and falls from the shoulders upon the skirt, the front of which is a mass of embroidery in the same style.

**—AND AT THE COMEDY.**

At the Comedy Theatre Miss Alexandra Carle is wearing some very up-to-date gowns; in fact, they show the fashions of the day after to-morrow. One of these consists of gown and cape of aubergine-green chambray, the blouse and tunic in tucked chiffon of the same shade of green, caught at the waist with a belt of gold tissue. The tunic is very wide. An adorable little wrap is worn with this. Made of aubergine-green chambray, caught in a yoke of Breton embroidery, with a large black velvet collar, it is fitted with revers which form sleeves in the now almost universal kimono fashion. Black velvet buttons and gold ornaments finish it in a delicate twinkling sort of way.

**ANOTHER CHARMING GOWN.**

Miss Carle's champagne-coloured cloth embroidered in silk braid of the same shade, has three-quarter length sleeves and a soft white kid belt combined with black patent kid, now in the forefront of fashion. The coat is finished with a collar of embroidered copper linen, and shows a blouse of very fine tucked linen with a tiny round collar edged with pleated linen. A heron in copper-coloured plumage is the only, but very striking, trimming of the dress, which is worn with this pretty frock. And everybody will want a replica of the gown worn in the third act. It is old rose tussore, the back of the skirt arranged in flat folds, while the jacket is trimmed with rose-coloured silk braids and cords. The three-quarter sleeves, revers and collar are of old rose satin. With this is worn a draped turban of grey velvet drawn into a bow at the side over a border of old rose galop. —X. and Z. in the Globe.

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**WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.**

Messrs. E. S. Kadoorie & Co., in their weekly share report, dated April 29th, state:—

A long overdue reaction in rubbers has made the past week a dull one and the London market has been easy with a tendency to lower prices. The price of the raw article has receded a few pence from top, which has no doubt accounted for the position. Para Fine Hard Rubber is now quoted 11/8 per lb. Business transacted during the week has been on a smaller scale than for some time past. A considerable rise in China Sugars has occurred, otherwise there are no changes of any consequence.

**BANKS.**—Hongkong & Shanghai Banks have not upheld their position and have dropped back to 97 1/2; at this price there are sellers and possibly even at a lower rate. London, according to latest advice by wire, quote £91 10s. Nationals are without business at 97 1/2.

**MARINE INSURANCES.**—Cantons continues in demand at \$170. Unions are slightly easier with sellers at \$950. North China can be had to a small extent at \$115 and Yangtzes are unchanged at Tls. 225.

**FIRE INSURANCES.**—China Fires have improved to \$112 and Hongkong Fires to \$342 1/2.

**SHIPPING.**—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats are still on offer at \$30. Indochina are not quite so firm and after sales at \$72 and \$71 can now be had at \$70. The price in London has also receded a little, the preference shares being quoted at \$4 and the ordinary at \$2. Shanghai reports sales at \$54, which is an improvement on their last week's quotation. China Manilas are steady at \$83 and Douglas Steamships at \$54. No business in Star Ferries has come to our notice and the old shares are offering at \$25 and the new at \$144. Shell Transports have changed hands at \$94 1/2.

**REFINERIES.**—China Sugars have again been in strong demand and close with buyers at \$177. Luzons are weaker with sellers at \$23.

**MINING.**—Rams have been dealt in at \$83 and Chinese Engineering and Mining Co. at Tls. 18.

**DOCKS, WHARVES, AND GODOWNS.**—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks are unaltered with sellers at \$62. Shanghai Docks are again lower, buyers only offering Tls. 76. Kowloon Wharves are still quoted at \$59, but as low as \$58 has been accepted. Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves are offering at Tls. 123.

**LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.**—Hongkong Lands are firmer with buyers at \$102 after small sales at \$100 and \$101. Humphreys are engaged for \$33, but holders require a higher price. Hongkong Hotels are steady at \$107 1/2 for the old shares and at \$83 1/2 for the new. Shanghai Lands are easier at Tls. 111. Kowloon Lands have improved to \$29.

**COTTON MILLS.**—Hongkong Cottons are still to be had at \$63. Ewos are offering at Tls. 137 1/2. Other Northern Mills, which we take from the last mail advices, are as follows:—Lau Kung Mow Tls. 78, Internationals Tls. 62, and Soy Chees Tls. 250 ex the dividend of Tls. 25 recently paid.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**—Green Islands have again been the medium of a large business, closing with sellers at \$74. China Providents are firmer with buyers at \$84. China Lights are obtainable at \$2. Hongkong Electric have been booked at \$21 and more are wanted. Watsons continue in demand with buyers at \$63. Hongkong Ropes have found buyers at \$21 1/2. Dairy Firms have advanced to \$19. Langkats have weakened to Tls. 1425. Sunstras are offering at Tls. 315.

**RUBBER.**—Anglo-Malaya has weakened to 32 1/2 and Allagar to 7 1/2. Camfields are weaker at 120 1/2. Carey Uniteds have declined to 35 1/2 premium and Damansaras at 105 1/2, after sales of the latter at 195 1/2. Eastern Internationals have dropped as low as 37 1/2 premium, but have since recovered to 42 1/2 premium. Golcondas are on offer at 140 1/2 and Highlands and Lowlands at 155 1/2 ex rights. Kuala Lumpur have eased down to 225 1/2, at which price they close weak. Leithurys are quiet at 112 1/2 while Langkats can be had at 65 1/2. London Asiatics, after sales at various rates from 175 1/2 downwards, close easier at 157 1/2. Sungai Kapors close at 250 1/2 with probable sellers from London. United Sarangs have suffered a further decline and at the close come as low as 140 1/2. According to latest telegraphic advices from Singapore, Balgownies are quoted at \$24. Changkat Sardangs at \$20, Gheunays at \$33, Indragiris at \$43, Pajangs at \$20, Pegohs at \$56, Sandycrofts at \$43, Singapore and Johore at \$22 and United Singapore at \$24. New Sarangs have changed hands at \$4 1/2 premium.

**EXCHANGE.**—The Bank's selling rate on London is 1/9 1/2 on demand. The T/T rate on Shanghai 74 1/2.

**SIAM'S NEW STAMPS.**

New stamps for Siam are announced by a Paris contemporary. They show the left profile of the King. The circle bearing His Majesty's head is sustained upon the wings of a grinning monster. Upon two banners appear the name of the Kingdom and the value of the stamps. The latter is expressed in "satans." The emblematic mon and the "satans" will, we are told, be sure to appeal to the collectors' sense of humor. The stamps have been engraved in London from designs prepared in Bangkok. The work has been accomplished most successfully, and adds a very contemporary, to dessein et l'original se ressemblent comme deux freres siamois, naturellement.

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**SHIPPING IN PORT.**

**STEAMERS.**

BENALDER, British str., 1,958, Tongs, 25th April—Kantun 23rd April, Coal—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

CARL DIEDERICHSEN, German str., 774, J. Kayser, 29th April—Haiphong and Holbow 28th April, General—Jensen & Co.

CHOISING, German str., 1,021, Bonha, 16th April—Kohlschlag 7th and Swatow 15th April, General—Butterfield & Swire.

DAIYA MARU, Japanese str., 1,735, Kobayashi, 17th April—Moji 12th April, Coal—Mitsui Bishi Goshi Kwaisha.

EMPRUSS OF INDIA, British str., 5,910, S. Robinson, R.M.R., 23rd April—Vancouver, B.C., 7th April, Mails and General—C. P. R. Co.

EUSTON, British str., 2,278, C. E. Underwood, 22nd April—Moji 16th April, Coal—Bradley & Co.

FUKU MARU, Japanese str., 4,182, Y. Murakami, 29th April—Moji 23rd April, Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

GLENSTRAB, British str., 3,054, J. McHillivray, 17th April—Shanghai 14th April, General—Shewan, Thomas & Co.

HALDIS, Norwegian str., 1,055, G. Salberg, 19th April—Bangkok 12th April, Rice—Chinese.

HANOI, French str., 738, J. Pannier, 26th April—Kwang Chow Wan 22nd April, General—A. R. Marty.

HONGMOH, British str., 2,555, R. S. Bainbridge, 24th April—Singapore 18th April, General—Joo Teck Sang.

HEINO SHIPP, Chinese str., 808, Marikussen, 26th April—Wakamatsu 19th April, Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

IOHARO, British str., 228, Tuebben, 27th April—Chinking 23rd April, General—Butterfield & Swire.

JOHANN, German str., 952, M. Jpland, 17th April—Saigon 15th April, Rice—Jensen & Co.

KIANG CHING, Chinese str., 1,002, Brissander, 26th April—Saigon 22nd April, Rice—Tung Lee & Co.

KWANNGAI, Chinese str., 1,536, W. H. Lunt, 26th April—Shanghai 23rd April, General—C. M. S. N. Co.

KWONGSANG, British str., 1,428, F. W. Richard, 27th April—Shanghai 24th April, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

LAISANG, British str., 3,460, E. J. Tadd, 25th April—Calcutta and Singapore 19th April, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

LINAN, British str., 1,552, C. C. Williams, 27th April—Shanghai 24th April, General—Butterfield & Swire.

LOYAL, German str., 1,237, R. Wegner, 27th April—Wakamatsu 21st April, Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

MAUSANG, British str., 1,644, G. S. Weigall, 26th April—Sandakan 20th April, Timber and General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

MEINAM, French str., 2,959, Dorbois, 25th April—Antwerp 1st March, General—Messageries Maritimes.

MINNESOTA, American str., 13,323, Gualick, 24th April—Seattle 22nd March and Manila 22nd April, General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

MONTROSE, British str., 2,884, R. Gloger, 21st April—Yokohama 12th April, Coal—Dodwell & Co.

NORD, British str., 1,109, Paymr, 24th April—Singapore 17th April, General—Geo. McElin.

ONSANG, British str., 1,787, E. J. Buller, 28th April—Hongkong 26th April, Coal—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

PEIHO, German str., 745, Valsel, 22nd April—Karatin Island 15th April, General—Hamburg-Amerika Linie.

PETCHABURI, German str., 1,373, C. Gassowich, 21st April—Bangkok 15th and Swatow 20th April, Rice and Meal—Butterfield & Swire.

PREMPENH, British str., 1,065, J. H. Scott, 26th April—Saigon 19th April, Rice and General—Wo Fat Ship.

PHANANG, German str., 1,026, van Mangetoort, 29th April—Bangkok and Kohsichang 22nd April, Rice and Meal—Butterfield & Swire.

PITSANULOK, German str., 1,278, D. Reimers, 29th April—Bangkok 20th and Swatow 28th April, Rice—Butterfield & Swire.

QUINTA, German str., 1,000, Sokhosingor, 29th April—Bangkok 21st April, Rice—Siemens & Co.

RAJAT, German str., 1,257, H. C. Rohrer, 24th April—Bangkok 16th April, Rice—Butterfield & Swire.

RIVERTON, British str., 2,500, Chas. Pankham, 24th April—Cardiff 11th March, Fuel—Navy Yard.

SHAKAN MARU, Japanese str., 2,064, K. Nagata, 28th April—Karatsu 21st April, Coal—Ataka & Co.

SHANTUNG, British str., 1,635, Robinson, 20th April—Sourabaya 6th April, Sugar—Butterfield & Swire.

SINGAN, British str., 1,215, F. Jamieson, 18th April—Haiphong 16th April, General—Butterfield & Swire.

SUISANG, British str., 1,617, M. Picknell, 20th April—Chingwantao 13th April, Coal—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

SULTAN VAN LANGKAT, Dutch str., 2,308, Legay, 22nd April—Singapore 15th April, Oil—Asiatic Petroleum Co.

SUNGKANG, British str., 987, H. A. Harda, 26th April—Holo 21st April, Sapez Wood and Sugar—Butterfield & Swire.

TAMING, British str., 1,350, G. H. Penafather, 29th April—Manila 27th April, Hemp and Sugar—Butterfield & Swire.

TEIKUOISAN MARU, Japanese str., 2,559, U. Nagatsu, 29th April—Miko 15th April, Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

ULV, Norwegian str., 885, J. Pedersen, 29th April—Duren and Newchwang 22nd April, Beans—Asanard, Thomson & Co.

UNION, American str., 1,284, Y. Casanova, 23rd April—Manila 19th April, Sugar—Barthou.

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## ARRIVALS.

ALINE WOERMANN, British str., 1500, J. Martin, 1st May—Saigon, 27th April, General and Bico—Man Fat.  
BUNNY MARU, Japanese str., 1969, S. Masamoto, 1st May—Mojji 26th April, Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.  
CEYLON MARU, Japanese str., 3,142, F. L. Payne, 1st May—Mojji 26th April, Cotton and Matches—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.  
C. FEED, LAUREN, German str., 3,158, A. Vaguel, 1st May—Shanghai 27th April, General—Hamburg-Amerika Linie.  
CHIHUI, British str., 1,142, G. Lindbergh, 1st May—Saigon 27th April, Rice and Paddy, Ac.—Butterfield & Swire.  
CLARA JEBSEN, German str., 1,103, J. Bondisen, 29th April—Hobow 28th April, General—Jensen & Co.  
CORMORAN, German man-of-war, 1,640, S. M. Jones, 30th April—Yap 22nd April.  
CYCLOPS, British str., 5,895, H. Hazeldan, 30th April—Thakow (Formosa), 28th April, General—Butterfield & Swire.  
DEUCALION, British str., 4,476, H. Evans, 1st May—Shanghai 28th April, General—Butterfield & Swire.  
FAUCON, British str., 1,410, M. Kline, 30th April—Saigon 26th April, Rice and General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
HAICHING, British str., 1,267, W. C. Passmore, 1st May—Fochow, via Amoy, Swatow 28th April, General—Douglas, LaPraik & Co.  
HINSHAM, British str., 1,536, A. G. Smith, 1st May—Hongkong 28th April, Coal—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
HONG WAN I, British str., 2,060, H. M. North, 29th April—Singapore 24th April, General—Chinese.  
HUGHES, British str., 1,223, E. Forsyth, 30th April—Tientsin 24th April, General—Butterfield & Swire.  
JCHANG, British str., 1st May—Canton.  
JIANG CHING, Chinese str., 1st May—Canton.  
KAWONGSANG, Chinese str., 1st May—Canton.  
KUNAN, British str., 30th April—Canton.  
LORON, German str., 2,340, G. Schultzen, 30th April—Bangkok and Kolsichang, Rice—Butterfield & Swire.  
MATHILDE, German str., 831, Ch. Uldersup, 30th April—Pakhoi and Hoihow 29th April, General and Pigs—Jensen & Co.  
MONTCAIM, French man-of-war, 10,000, Cheron, 30th April—Tonkin 28th April.  
MYRABON, British str., 2,000, H. M. North, 1st May—Shanghai 27th April, General—Butterfield & Swire.  
RIVER CLYDE, British str., 2,526, John Kerr, 1st May—Manila 28th April, General—Dodwell & Co.  
SECHUEN, British str., 30th April—Canton.  
WONGKON, German str., 1,115, H. Hebertson, 30th April—Bangkok 24th April, General—N.D.L.

## DEPARTURES.

DELTA, British str., for Europe, &c.  
HERCULES, British str., for Moji.  
KOREA, American str., for Shanghai.  
MONMOUTH, British cruiser, for Kobe.  
RUBI, British str., for Manila.  
SIGNAL, German str., for Hongkong.  
TUMAH, Dutch str., for Yokohama, 1st May.  
ANARA, British str., for Hongkong.  
BEN NEVIS, British str., for Kobe.  
DAIJIN MARU, Japanese str., for Swatow.  
CHUNSHAN, British str., for Saigon.  
HAMMEN, British str., for Swatow.  
LOCKSON, German str., for Swatow.  
SZCHUEN, British str., for Shanghai.  
TAIKOSAN MARU, Japanese str., for Miki.  
ULV, Norwegian str., for Canton.  
VICTORIA, Swedish str., for Hongkong.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. Hong Wan I reports: Light variable winds, fine and clear throughout.  
The British str. Faucon reports: Fine weather light S.E. winds throughout, and hazy from Gap Rock.  
The British str. Haiching reports: Wind moderate to light, Northerly, smooth sea overcast, showery weather.  
The British str. Hinchow reports: Moderate S.W. winds with moderate sea from Taku Bar to Yellow Sea; moderate S.E. winds with smooth sea from Yellow Sea to Swatow; mod. N.E. and North winds with smooth sea from Swatow to Hongkong.

## VESSELS IN DOCK.

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Per Rubi, for Manila, Mrs. Weber, Mrs. Meerkamp, Mr. E. C. Miller, Rev. P. Soriano, Rev. C. Arrows, Rev. J. Valls, Rev. M. Nebredo, Rev. F. Giner, Mr. F. J. Chapman, Mr. Wm. Taylor, Mr. G. B. Cappeau, Mr. C. L. Seitz, Mr. G. Strebel, Mr. H. H. Hayes and Mr. A. Mercade.

## STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.

April 1st—Kabanga, Pelagos, Vermont, 5th.  
E. P. Ferdinand, 8th—Ernest Simon, Kewacki Maru, Scagambria, Java, 12th.  
Denary, Canton, Derflinger, Japan, Katsuna, Acadia, 15th—Denighshire, Indian, Kamo, Maru, Laertes, St. Patrick, Soetra, Tourane, 19th—Ceylon, Glenloch, Savaria, 22nd—Perseus, Priam, Saxonia, Shimosa, Sinala, Sunda, Thebes, 25th—Benedict, Ben-Donat, Kanagawa Maru, P. E. Friedrich, 29th—Brigancia, Hitechi Maru, Kleist, Mompion, Telemachus, Yarra.

## ARRIVALS AT HOME.

April 29th—Palmar, Steador, Tonkin.

## VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessels, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "k," nearest Hongkong "h," midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "k.w." together with the number denoting the section.

## SECTIONS.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

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HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ALBANY	Ger. str.	k. w.	G. W. Gordon, R.N.R.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	To-morrow.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	G. W. Gordon, R.N.R.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 18th inst.
COPENHAGEN & BALTIC PORTS.	SILESIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	G. W. Gordon, R.N.R.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 28th inst.
MARSEILLES, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG, &c.	CATHAY	Dan. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	To-morrow.
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL.	AMBRIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 3rd inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CACHAR	Fre. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 9th inst., at 4 p.m.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	HIRANO MARU	Jap. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 11th inst., at D'light
MARSEILLES, COPENHAGEN & GOTHENBURG	TRANQUERAR	Dan. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 25th inst., at D'light
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TANGO MARU	Jap. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 25th inst.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGERS, GIBRALTAR, &c.	GOEBEN	Ger. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 8th June, at D'light
TRIESTE, &c., VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	EROLL	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 4th inst., at Noon
NEW YORK & BOSTON	ARAGONIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 27th inst.
NEW YORK & BOSTON	RIVER CLYDE	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	To-morrow.
VANCOUVER, B.C., TACOMA & SEATTLE VIA JAPAN	RIVER CLYDE	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 19th inst.
VANCOUVER DIRECT	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 5th inst.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 14th inst., at 6 p.m.
VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 24th inst., at Noon
VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 21st June, at Noon
CALLAO IQUIQUE, &c., VIA JAPAN PORTS, &c.	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 18th inst., at Noon
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 25th June, at Noon
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 13th inst., at Noon
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	About 21st inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 28th inst., at 4 p.m.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 10th June, at Noon
MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 11th inst., at Noon
DALNY, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	About 2nd inst.
JAPAN	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 12th inst., at Noon
WEIHAIWEI & TIENTSIN	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	About 7th inst.
HANKOW (DIRECT)	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 4th inst.
SHANGHAI VIA NINGPO	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 6th inst., at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 4th inst., at Noon
SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOJI	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	About 4th inst.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 5th inst., at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 6th inst., at Noon
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 8th inst., at D'light
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 9th inst., at Noon
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 11th inst.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	About 12th inst.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 12th inst., at 8 a.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 12th inst., at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	Middle of May.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 17th inst., at Noon
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 18th inst.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 11th inst., at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	To-day, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 5th inst., at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	To-morrow, at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	To-morrow, at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 6th inst., at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 7th inst., at Noon
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 10th inst., at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 13th inst., at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 14th inst., at Noon
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	On 7th inst., at Noon
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	To-morrow.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	To-morrow, at Noon
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	Deinart	MELCHERS & CO.	Quick despatch

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NAPLES, GENOA, ALGERS, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP & BREMEN	"GOEBEN" Capt. B. WILHELM	Wednesday, 4th May, at Noon
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"DEERFLINGER" Capt. F. PROSCH	About 4th May.
MANILA, YAP, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"PRINZ WALDEMAR" Capt. F. Isecke	Saturday, 21st May, at 10 a.m.

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MARSEILLES, VIA PORTS	"CACHAR" Capt. Lauriol	On 9th May, 6 P.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"YARRA" Capt. —	On 23rd May, P.M.
MARSEILLES VIA PORTS	"AUSTRALIE" Capt. Rigolier	On 24th May, 1 P.M.

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# HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, May 1st

	Previous Day at 4 p.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.61	29.90	29.83
Temperature	73	77	76
Humidity	89	88	88
Wind Direction	E	E	E
Force	3	1	2
Weather	c	o	c
Rain	—	—	—

Highest open air Temperature on 30th April 78  
 Lowest open air Temperature on 30th April 70

## HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From May 2nd to 8th, 1910.

HIGH WATER.	Day of Week	Mean Time.	Height ft. m.	LOW WATER.	Day of Week	Mean Time.	Height ft. m.
	Date	Hour	Min.		Date	Hour	Min.
Mon.	2	No inferior	high	No inferior	water.		
Tues.	3	54 a	0.00	54 a	0.00		
	3	No inferior	high	11.41 a	1.3		
Wed.	4	m 3.54	4.1	m 1.45	4.1		
Thurs.	5	m 7.6	4.2	m 0.23	1.8		
Fri.	6	m 9.10	4.2	m 0.38	1.8		
Sat.	7	m 7.10	0.2	m 1.0	1.8		
	7	m 7.50	0.2	m 1.12	2.3		
Sun.	8	m 8.20	0.2	m 2.4	1.8		
		9.10	0.2	m 2.35	1.3		
				2.44	1.4		



